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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41, 43, 45, 47 and 49-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41, 43, 45, 47 and 49-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 – 41, 43, 45, 47 and 49 – 53, filed 24 October 2007, have been fully considered but are moot in view of new grounds of rejections

Applicant argues the Frederick does not teach a microprocessor in the display apparatus (page 16). The previous Office Action discloses the microprocessor in the display apparatus is taught by Frederick in column 16, lines 43 – 55 and Figure 8, which states the control electronics 82 represents the display microcontroller communication and control functionality. Frederick also discloses the display electronics 80 represents the functionality of a standard VGA monitor (column 18, lines 46 and 47 and Figure 8). Frederick teaches the PC 14 and display 12 support two different viewing modes, one configured for the display of PC graphics, and the other configured for the display of TV video (column 5, lines 33 – 35). Frederick teaches the PC drive the video input of the display (column 21, lines 37 – 39) where the input sources are at least a PC or TV video (column 5, lines 8 – 10).

Applicant argues the inherency of Frederick containing a display controller for the reason that Frederick appears to teach away from this feature (pages 20 and 21). The Examiner has sufficient evidence that Frederick has a display controller. Frederick teaches the display 12 may have the capability to display standard interlaced TV video (column 5, lines 3 - 5) and the PC 14 and the display 12 support at least 480 active lines per frame of progressively scanned video (column 5, lines 36 and 37). Frederick teaches the PC 14 and display 12 support two different viewing modes, one configured for the display of PC graphics, and the other configured for the display of TV video (column 5, lines 33 – 35). Frederick teaches the PC drive the video input of

the display (column 21, lines 37 – 39) where the input sources are at least a PC or TV video (column 5, lines 8 – 10). The Examiner is unable to explicitly point out in the Frederick reference a display controller in the Figures, but since Frederick teaches the PC 14 being able to drive the display into different modes, it is inherent that Frederick contains a display controller in the PC 14.

Applicant argues that Frederick teaches away from the above feature by stating the signals for the display are different depending upon the type of display (page 18). Though the signals may be different, but the display as taught by Frederick teaches the display is capable of displaying in interlaced and non-interlaced signals (column 5, lines 3 - 5 and 33 - 37). Frederick also teaches the PC 14 may be a video subsystem capable of combining PC and TV video from the video sources 16 (column 5, lines 8 - 10) and the PC 14 and display 12 supports two different viewing modes, one being PC graphics and other the other being TV video (column 5, lines 33 - 35). Frederick does not teach away from not displaying both interlaced and noninterlaced signals, and therefore are combinable with Ersoz's system as stated above.

The claim objection has been withdrawn due to applicant's amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 – 10, 12 – 26, 29 – 41, and 50 – 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frederick et al. (US 6,314,479) in view of Ersoz et al. (US 5,287,189) and Iwaki (US 6,567,097).

Applicant added Advanced Television System Committee (ATSC) input in the independent claims that is not supported in application number 09/954,889, thus the effective filing date is 25 February 2004.

Regarding independent claim 14, Frederick teaches a computer system (Figure 6: Host Computer 16) comprising a host computer system including a processor (it is inherent that Frederick has a processor because computer has a processor and because Frederick process information in and out of the computer), a memory coupled to said processor (it is inherent that Frederick has a memory because computer has a memory, either being hard drive, RAM, and/or, cache and because a processor needs memory to store input and output-type data to be able to process data), a video controller coupled to said processor and said memory ((column 5, lines 33 – 35: it is inherent that Frederick has a display controller as the PC 14 and display 12 support two different viewing modes where one mode is configured for displaying PC graphics and the other mode is configured for displaying TV video; column 5, lines 31 and 32: PC 14 drives the display 12 with a standard RGB or TMDS video signal), and a display apparatus coupled to a video controller of the host computer system (Figure 6: A/V display 12), the display apparatus comprising circuitry allowing an interlaced mode of operation (column 5, lines 3 – 5: the display 12 may function as a stand-alone TV, including the capability to display standard interlaced TV video) and a noninterlaced mode of operation (column 5, lines 36 and 37: the PC 14 and display 12 support at least 480 active lines per frame of progressively scanned video), the display

apparatus comprising a screen (it is inherent that Frederick has a screen because it is inherent that a display apparatus has a screen), said screen operable to display visually detectable output from the host computer system (Figure 6: Digital Graphic Display 46 and Analog Graphic Display 48 from the Host Computer 14) when operating in the noninterlaced mode of operation (column 21, lines: 25 – 56) and operable to display a television compatible signal when operating in the interlaced mode of operation (Figure 6: Digital Graphic Display 46 and Analog Graphic Display 48 from the Host Computer 14), said interlaced mode of operation and noninterlaced mode of operation supporting an ATSC (Advanced Television [System Committee]) input (column 15, line 57 – column 16, line 11: ATSC specifications may be consulted for information about the digital television formats), a communication channel between said host computer system and said display apparatus (Figure 6: User Input USB (42) from the A/V Display 12 to Host Computer 14 and Commands (USB) 44 from Host Computer 14 to A/V Display 12;), the communication channel for transmitting commands and information to and from said host computer system and to and from said display apparatus (Figure 6: 42 and 44), and a microprocessor (column 18, lines 46 and 47 and Figure 8: the display electronics 80 represents the functionality of a standard VGA monitor; column 6, lines 47 – 50 and Figure 8: the control electronics 82 is coupled to the display electronics 80 by an I²C bus 84, and it represents the display microcontroller communication and control functionality) configured to receive said commands from said host computer system (column 5, lines 46 – 49: the PC 14 and display 12 support the USB monitor Control Class Specification and VESA Monitor Control Command Set (MCCS) Standard for software control of the display by the PC) when the display apparatus is in the interlaced mode of operation and when the display apparatus is in the noninterlaced mode of

operation (column 5, lines 31 and 32: the PC 14 drives the display 12 with a standard RGB or TMDS video signal), wherein the microprocessor receives at least one command from said host computer system, the command suitable for controlling a television function of the display apparatus from the host computer system (column 13, line 66 – column 14, line 26: the user controls the ability to receive commands specified in Table 10 and that the controls listed in Table 10 is supported by the PC 14), a display housing, wherein the screen and the microprocessor of the display apparatus are both configured within a display housing of the display apparatus (Figure 8: monitor 12 contains a screen (inherent) and a display electronics 80 and control electronics 82). Frederick did not expressly disclose the microprocessor comprising control logic for switching said display apparatus between said interlaced and noninterlaced modes of operation in response to at least one of said commands, though Frederick does disclose the PC 14 and display 12 support two different viewing modes: one configured for the display of PC graphics and the other configured for the display of TV video (column 5, lines 33 – 35). Iwaki discloses a MUX 106 that selects between graphics data that is interlaced and converted non-interlace inputs (column 4, lines 25 - 31 and Figure 1). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Frederick's system to have a multiplexer that receives a command to switch between interlace and non-interlace modes instead of using two switches. One would be motivated to do so because this allows smaller circuitry, which potentially saves space, and allows users to view correctly displayed signals that are either interlaced or noninterlaced signals.

Regarding independent claim 1, claim 1 is similar in scope as to claim 14, thus the rejection for claim 14 hereinabove is applicable to claim 1.

Regarding dependent claim 2, Frederick teaches interlaced mode of operation supports at least one of a National Television System Committee (NTSC) input, a Phase Alteration by Line (PAL) input, and a Sequential a Memoire (SECAM) input (column 15, line 57 – column 16, line 11).

Regarding dependent claim 3, Frederick teaches noninterlaced mode of operation supports at least one of a computer graphics mode input, VGA input and SVGA input (column 19, lines 23 – 32: displays VGA video from the PC 14).

Regarding dependent claim 4, Frederick teaches the television function includes at least one of changing a channel, volume adjustment and picture adjustment (column 14, lines 10 – 27: Table 10).

Regarding dependent claim 5, Frederick teaches the television function includes at least one of selecting a video source, brightness, contrast, vertical and horizontal sizing and positioning, on/off (rest/resume), refresh rate, resolution and color temperatures (column 12, lines 1 – 18: Table 7; column 12, lines 30 – 65: Table 8).

Regarding dependent claim 6, Frederick teaches the television function of the display apparatus is controlled from the host computer system while the display apparatus is in an interlaced mode of operation (column 13, line 66 – column 14, line 26: the user controls the ability to receive commands specified in Table 10 and that the controls listed in Table 10 is supported by the PC 14; column 5, lines 3 – 5: the display 12 may function as a stand-alone TV, including the capability to display standard interlaced TV video).

Regarding dependent claim 7, Frederick teaches the display apparatus is switched to said interlaced mode of operation, a video signal from a video controller in noninterlaced mode is not

displayed by said display apparatus (column 5, lines 3 – 5: the display 12 may function as a stand-alone TV, including the capability to display standard interlaced TV video).

Regarding dependent claim 8, Frederick teaches the interlaced mode of operation supports Sequential a Memoire (SECAM) input (column 15, line 57 – column 16, line 11).

Regarding dependent claim 9, Frederick teaches the command is a display mode change command (column 12, lines 30 – 64: Table 8; column 13, lines 3 – 28: Table 9: TV Mode, Stand Alone Mode).

Regarding dependent claim 10, Frederick teaches the command is sent over a serial port (column 10, lines 6 – 23: USB).

Regarding dependent claims 16 and 17 and independent claim 31 and 37, claims 16, 17, 31 and 37 are similar in scope as to claims 4 and 5, thus the rejections for claims 4 and 5 hereinabove are applicable to claims 16, 17, 31, and 37.

Regarding dependent claims 15, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 32, 33, 34, 38, and 39, claims 15, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 32, 33, 34, 38, and 39 are similar in scope as to claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, and 10, thus the rejections for claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, and 10 hereinabove is applicable to claims 15, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 32, 33, 34, 38, and 39.

Regarding dependent claim 20, Frederick teaches the video controller receives a signal from the display apparatus (Figure 6: Baseband video input (Composite) 52 from the A/V Display 12 to Host Computer 14).

Regarding dependent claim 21, Frederick teaches the signal from the display apparatus is a video signal (Figure 6: Baseband video input (Composite) 52 from the A/V Display 12 to Host Computer 14).

Regarding dependent claim 22, Frederick teaches the video signal is a composite signal (Figure 6: Baseband video input (Composite) 52 from the A/V Display 12 to Host Computer 14).

Regarding dependent claim 23, Frederick teaches the video signal is an S-video signal (column 6, line 57 – column 7, line 15: Table 1: A S-video connector may be substituted if an adapter for composite video support is supplied with the product).

Regarding dependent claims 28, Frederick teaches the command is sent over a data port (column 9, line 66 – column 5: DDC2B support is used in both the PC 14 and display 12; column 10, lines 6 – 23: USB is a bidirectional serial bus).

Regarding dependent claims 50 – 53, Frederick teaches the commands from the host computer system are sent via a bidirectional display data channel (DDC) interface (column 9, line 66 – column 5: DDC2B support is used in both the PC 14 and display 12; column 10, lines 6 – 23: USB is a bidirectional serial bus).

Regarding dependent claim 54, Frederick teaches the screen and the microprocessor of the display apparatus are both configured within a display housing of the display apparatus (Figure 8: monitor 12 contains a screen (inherent) and a display electronics 80 and control electronics 82).

Regarding dependent claims 12, 29, 35, and 40, Frederick did not expressly disclose the microprocessor enables an overlay window on the display apparatus. Ersoz discloses a 4x3 video being overlaid on top of a 16x9 video (Figure 1(c)). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Frederick's system to include overlay windows. One would be motivated to do so because this provides picture-in-picture options and the viewing of multiple desired data.

Regarding dependent claims 13, 30, 36, and 41, Frederick did not expressly disclose the overlay widow is enabled as at least one of a picture-in-picture (PIP) and a picture-on-picture (POP). Ersoz discloses PIP (Figure 1(f)), which reads on the claimed overlay window is enabled as at least one of a picture-in-picture (PIP) and a picture-on-picture (POP). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Frederick's system to include PIP and POP. One would be motivated to do so because this provides picture-in-picture options and the viewing of multiple desired data.

Claims 11 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frederick et al. (US 6,314,479) in view of et al. (US 5,287,189) and Iwaki (US 6,567,097) and Newman et al (US 6,154,600).

Regarding dependent claims 11 and 27, Frederick did not expressly disclose the command is sent over a parallel port. Newman discloses a parallel port (column 7, lines 1 – 24). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicants invention to modify Frederick's system to send a display mode command from the display apparatus parallel busses to the display apparatus so display mode commands which are digital, need not be derived from the horizontal and vertical sync signals, which are analog, thus simplifying the transmission and reception of the display mode commands.

Claims 43, 45, 47, and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frederick et al. (US 6,314,479) in view of Ersoz et al. (US 5,287,189) and Iwaki (US 6,567,097) and Gough et al. (US 6,072,489).

Regarding dependent claims 43, 45, 47, and 49, Frederick did not expressly disclose the computer system permits the utilization of other computer functions on at least one underlying screen of the overlay window. Gough discloses overlay windows 62 and 70 over a screen 60 in where other computer functions are allowable, such as the desktop (Figures 3a and 3b). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Frederick's system to allow computer functions to operate with an overlay window present. One would be motivated to do so because this allow users to multi-task and allow users to utilize the whole screen.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey J. Chow whose telephone number is (571)-272-8078. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 10:00AM - 5:00PM (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ulka Chauhan can be reached on (571)-272-7782. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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